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Police recover bloody gloves, knife and rope

by David March

Dillsburg Police are investigating a case that has very few leads and fewer answers.

A Dillsburg man, looking for aluminum cans in a dumpster at Myers Foodrite last Thursday afternoon, found a black seabag containing gloves soaked with human blood, a fake police badge, a police lapel pin and tie tack, a length of nylon cord, a knife with compass, and a pen from a Gaiherburg motel.

Dillsburg Police Chief Glenn Smith said they may have a clue as to who may have discarded the items.

"We have an individual who spotted a white male in his 20's with dark hair, wearing an Army jacket, and carrying a duffle bag," said Smith. "According to Smith, the witness saw the man just making the corner by the dumpster" on his way to work. "And that places him there about 10:25 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. last Wednesday night," Chief Smith concluded.

Smith added, "The guy either got a ride to Dillsburg or else he was hitchhikin' and just 'come on

into town' and threw it into the dumpster."

Chief Smith said he would like to dispell a rumor reported recently on radio that there was a double homicide committed in Dillsburg, and that the body parts were found in a dumpster.

Smith emphasized, "We have no body, we have no body parts."

"We do have blood, some hair fibers and so-forth. That's all we have at this time. We are working very close with the Maryland authorities," he added.

The blood police found was on a pair of rubber gloves, that according to police were saturated and turned inside out.

A state police lab test of blood found on some of the items proved to be human blood.

Whether or not a murder was committed is unknown. However, police are curious why someone would discard the articles, which are in good condition, in the dumpster and why police accessories and a fake badge were among the articles found.



Photo by David March

Going Up - The American flag, along with a Girl Scout flag was raised by scouts this week at Northern Elementary School. Group photo of Brownies inside this issue.

Monaghan residents rally in support of "right to bear arms"

by Deborah Recker

A rumor that Monaghan Township Officials might take action to further control gun laws in the township prompted nearly one hundred (100) township residents to attend the March meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Allen Wagner, spokesman for the group, presented the board with a three (3) page petition. Supervisor R. Wayne Miller Jr. read the petition to the delegation which stated "We the undersigned have signed this petition for the purpose of protecting the rights of Monaghan Township citizens to bear arms, whether the use be for hunting, target practice, protection or whatever."

The rumor apparently stemmed from a complaint filed by John Zart at the February meeting. Zart complained to the board in February about shooting that had taken place at the Kimmel property across the road from his residence on Sawmill Road. Zart also complained to local police about the incident citing that several guys were involved, a couple cases of beer and four and one-half (4 1/2) hours of shooting took place with high powered rifles. Allen Wagner was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in conjunction with the incident, but charges were dismissed when an officer testified that no beer was found on the premises and only two (2) men were involved. It was also noted that shooting is not considered disorderly conduct and that the men were not doing anything illegal in taking target practice. Zart was unable to prove different.

Zart was present at the township meeting when Wagner presented the board with the petition. Zart engaged in a heated exchange with several residents present at the meeting and had to be advised by Chairman Cottenham to refrain from using foul language.

Chairman Cottenham informed the delegation present that there was no ordinance before the Board concerning gun control laws for them to take action on and that if they had heard something to that effect, it was strictly rumor. Supervisor Person added that he felt it was the attitude or opinion of the people who signed the petition that they did not want any ordinance created to restrict gun laws in the township other than those already provided for in the penal code laws. The delegation was advised that the Board would take the petition under advisement and take appropriate action at the next meeting.

When questioned by Zart as to whether there was another way he could stop such shooting, Officer Martz responded that it was a neighbor problem and did not constitute harassment as far as the crimes code is concerned. Officer Martz also informed Zart that it was not a police matter and he should hire an attorney if he wanted to pursue the matter.

In other township action, the Board voted to reapprove the subdivision plan of Wilbur Sowers as presented by Planning Commission Chairman Larry Rhone. Minor modifications were made to the plan due to developer concerns. The Board also voted to approve the Harold Coover subdivision based on the Planning Commission's recommendation and after Rhone informed them that it was in accordance with regulations.

Secretary/Manager Gregory Spears is looking into the possible appointment of an alternate SEO for Monaghan Township. This action was prompted after residents complained of exorbitant fees charged by Grove Associates in comparison to neighboring townships.

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Police investigate copper caper

Carroll Township Police are investigating the theft of 1,300 pounds of copper taken from the home of F. James Koser, 24 South York Road, Dillsburg.

Taken was 12 five-gallon pails full of copper and six 50-pound coils.

Value of the missing copper is somewhere around \$1,170.

Ornamental cow missing

A 40-inch high cow was stolen from the Stein residence at 30 South Baltimore Road in Franklintown some time last week. If anyone has seen this cow, call Carroll Township Police so they can return it to its owner.

Spring sports Practices begin

by Lynn Farmer

Northern High School's spring sports teams began season practices Monday, March 5.

Although it's too early to accurately project success, the coaches of each team hope for a productive season.

Track and Field coach, Dave Parry, has faith that three state track meet participants, Nancy Jacoby, Becky Minnich and Amy Minnich, will excel once again in the 3200 m relay and the 1600 m relay. The girls' team is competing for its ninth consecutive championship, but Parry says, "It won't be easy, because the numbers are down." Only two freshman joined the team.

The boys' team is "young" this year, with 15 freshman, 15 sophomores, 15 juniors and only 5 seniors, one of whom, Matt Ayers, was the district runnerup in the triple jump.

Coach Parry says of the small, but powerful team, "we'll take our lumps, but the future looks bright."

The team meets with its toughest competitor, Trinity, in a night meet.

Lee Wilson, coach of the boys' tennis team, has a positive outlook for the season. With 7 of the 12 players being freshmen, the team is "young." Seniors Dan Ray and Chris Graf and Junior Tom Seltzer may carry the team to victory against its toughest competitors, Chambersburg, Carlisle and Cumberland Valley.

The first league match takes place April 5, at Susquehanna.

Orchid Society to meet

The Susquehanna Orchid Society will meet on Sunday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 130 Nittany Drive, Mechanicsburg. Merritt Huntington will speak about raising Cymbidium Orchids. Merritt is well known as an Orchid Judge, exhibitor, and

dealer. He has also previously assisted the Susquehanna Orchid Society as an auctioneer and speaker. He is a past president and the secretary of the American Orchid Society. For many years he has owned and operated Kensington Orchids in Kensington, Maryland.

Surprise wedding anniversary held



A surprise 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration was given recently in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Flohr of Dillsburg, at the York Springs Community Fire Hall.

The party was hosted by their daughter, Cynthia Kreiser and their three grandchildren, Vickie McLaughlin of Martinsburg, West Virginia; Greg Bolden of Los Angeles, California and Lynne Wicker of Dillsburg. The couple also have two great-grandchildren.

Bradley and Mabel were married on March 18, 1930 in York, Pennsylvania. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Bradley retired in 1975 from his florist business after 30 years.

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